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CATRADENT Te: Raymond E. Ideker

Serial No.: 10/615,528 Group Art No.: 3762 Filed: July 8, 2003 Confirmation No.: 8193

For: METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR

DEFIBRILLATION BY APPLYING STIMULUS TO A FASTEST ACTIVATING

**REGION OF A HEART** 

June 14, 2004

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#### PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE

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As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of <u>July 8, 2003</u> rather than <u>July 9, 2003</u> for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of July 8, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

- 1. A true and accurate copy of the Cover Sheet for the Application showing the Express Mail signature and date on Page 2;
- 2. A true and accurate copy of the Express Mail Receipt, showing "acceptance" or deposit date with the USPS on July 8, 2003; and
- 3. A true and accurate copy of the official filing receipt and postcard for this application, sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, showing that Applicant was improperly given the filing date of July 9, 2003 instead of the Express Mail date of July 8, 2003.

This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of July 8, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

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On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

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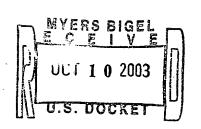


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